

REPORT

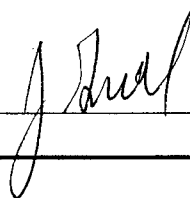
TO: Administration Committee
Regional Council

FROM: Heather Copp, CFO (213) 236-1804
Email: copp@scag.ca.gov

SUBJECT: Approval of Contract Over \$25,000

DATE: December 10, 2004

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S APPROVAL _____



RECOMMENDED ACTION: Approve Contract

SUMMARY:

- The following consultant contracts are recommended for approval:**

Parsons Brinckerhoff	NTE	\$ 48,791
Cambridge Systematics	NTE	\$ 749,925
Network Infrastructure Upgrade Project	NTE	\$ _____*

* Will be sent under separate cover

FISCAL IMPACT:

The Work Element is listed on the detail page for each contract. Included is the Work Element and category of funding, for example FHWA, FTA, indirect.

If a member believes or has a reason to believe that he or she has a financial interest in any of the firms listed on this Report, the member should consult with SCAG legal counsel.

CONSULTANT CONTRACT

Consultant: Parsons Brinckerhoff

Scope: This work entails advancing the work completed on Phase I of the Southeast Bypass Study, which examined the potential benefits of a Southeast Bypass route. This route extends along an existing route southeast between Ludlow on Interstate 40 and Blythe on Interstate 10 for a distance of 129 miles. Phase 2 of the study will include developing a purpose and needs statement, conducting initial alternatives analysis, and public outreach.

The results of this study will form the basis of a full Regionally Significant Transportation Investment Study (RSTIS), to be conducted at a future date.

Contract Amount:	Total not to exceed	\$48,791
	Parsons Brinckerhoff (prime)	46,261
	Arellano Associates (subcontractor)	\$2,530

Contract Period: February 1, 2005 through December 31, 2005

Work Element:	05-130.CVGC1	\$26,659	Funding Source: Consolidated Planning Grant - FTA
	05-130.CVGC1	\$22,132	Funding Source: Consolidated Planning Grant (subject to approval of SCAG's FY 04-05 Budget Amendment 2)

Request for Proposal: SCAG staff mailed postcards to 209 pre-qualified firms on SCAG's bidders list to notify them of the release of RFP No. 05-042. The RFP was also posted on SCAG's web site. The following two proposals were received in response to the solicitation:

Katz, Okitsu and Associates (2 subcontractors)	\$51,659
Parsons Brinckerhoff (1 subcontractor)	\$51,659

Note: Bids were received for more than the budget because when the RFP was released the match was cash. Later the match was switched to in-kind, therefore reducing the funds available for the consultant contract.

Selection Process: The Proposal Review Committee (PRC) evaluated both proposals in accordance with the criteria set forth in the RFP, and the selection process was conducted in a manner consistent with all applicable Federal and State contracting regulations. Interviews were held with both offerors.

The PRC was comprised of the following five individuals:

Philbert Wong, Assistant Regional Planner, SCAG
Dan Kopulsky, Senior Transportation Planner, Caltrans District 8
Catherine McMillan, Director of Governmental and Special Projects,
Coachella Valley Association of Governments
Ed Studor, Administrative Manager, Riverside County
Jennifer Wellman, Planning Director, City of Blythe

Basis for Selection:

The PRC believes that Parsons Brinckerhoff (PB) can best satisfy the scope of work for three main reasons. First, because it conducted Phase 1 of this study, PB has developed a strong understanding of the Southeast Bypass corridor and has established working relationships with key stakeholders, including elected officials and staff from participating agencies. Second, PB's proposal includes a strong stakeholder outreach and public participation element, which the PRC determined to be crucial to advancing this project. Finally, the firm has a strong understanding of the Regionally Significant Transportation Improvement Study (RSTIS) process, which is one step towards inclusion in the Regional Transportation Plan. This is evidenced by the fact that James Douglas and Julie Rush, the PB staff that would be involved with this project, have been involved with or are in the process of conducting numerous RSTIS studies within the SCAG region, such as the I-710, I-15, SR-138, and I-5/SR-14 studies. The experience gained in conducting those studies will be of great benefit in guiding this study towards a successful outcome. Based on these factors, the PRC determined that Parsons Brinckerhoff is the most qualified firm to advance this project.

CONSULTANT CONTRACT

Consultant: Cambridge Systematics, Inc.

Scope: The Consultant will perform an alternatives analysis between High Speed steel-on-steel Rail and Maglev along the IOS corridor. Criteria to be analyzed include technology reviews, alignments, financial feasibility, ridership and economics. The Consultant will review past studies and will develop an independent recommendation on technology based on independent modeling and analysis.

Contract Amount:	Total not to exceed	\$749,925
	Cambridge Systematics (prime)	\$462,999
	SYSTRA Consulting, Inc. (subcontractor)	\$160,337
	System Metrics Group, Inc. (subcontractor)	\$108,719
	Aldaron, Inc. (subcontractor)	\$ 10,040
	Citigroup Technologies Corp. (subcontractor)	\$ 7,830

Contract Period: February 1, 2005 through September 30, 2005

Work Element:	05-241.SCGC2	\$428,525	Funding Sources: FRA with local match
	06-241.SCGCX	\$321,400	Funding Sources: FRA with local match –subject to approval of FY06 budget

Request for Proposal: SCAG staff mailed postcards to 250 pre-qualified firms on SCAG's bidders list to notify them of the release of RFP No. 05-036. The RFP was also posted on SCAG's web site. The following five proposals were received in response to the solicitation:

ARUP (7 subcontractors)	\$749,282
Cambridge Systematics, Inc. (4 subcontractors)	\$749,925
Elliott Consulting Group (2 subcontractors)	\$749,835
RAND (3 subcontractors)	\$750,000
STV (6 subcontractors)	\$749,947

Selection Process: The Proposal Review Committee (PRC) evaluated all five proposals in accordance with the criteria set forth in the RFP, and the selection process was conducted in a manner consistent with all applicable Federal and State contracting regulations. Interviews were held with only four of the offerors, as ARUP declined to be interviewed.

The PRC was comprised of the following individuals:

Jim McCarthy, Office Chief of Regional Planning, Caltrans Dist. 7
James Okazaki, Assistant General Manager, LADOT
Steve Smith, Principal Transportation Analyst, SANBAG
John Sullivan, City Engineer, Ontario
Hasan Ikhrata, Planning Director, SCAG

Basis for Selection:

Cambridge Systematics, Inc. was selected as the consultant for this contract. Cambridge brings a highly qualified team of consultants with a deep understanding of high-speed ground transportation technologies. Cambridge further delivered the most balanced overall portfolio of experience and demonstrated the greatest depth and breadth of understanding in ridership and financial analysis. Further, Cambridge developed the confidence of the interview panel during the interview by providing substantial assurance of objective and fair analysis. They also provided the lowest total cost of those interviewed and their schedule was within established guidelines.

Cambridge also showed thorough understanding of the challenges that may be faced on this type of analysis and provided clear solutions to those potential challenges and a defined system for solving unforeseen challenges and maintaining the described schedule. They can allow substantial flexibility in prioritizing tasks at the discretion of the Technical Advisory Committee and can further allow additional flexibility throughout the study.